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(c) whether the Official Receivers are paid from the interest so accumulated or from Imperial funds; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the interest collected on the amount collected by the Official Receiver is credited to the general revenues?

A.—(a) Under article 21 of the Madras Financial and Account Code, Official Receivers are permitted to open accounts for the deposit of moneys received by them in their official capacity with a branch of the Imperial Bank of India where such a branch is available. Where no such branch exists, an account may, with the approval of the Local Government, be opened with any other bank.

(b) When an account is opened with the Imperial Bank, it allows interest on the amount of deposit at 2 per cent when the daily balance does not fall below Rs. 10,000.

(c) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1289.

(d) Estates of over Rs. 10,000 are credited roughly with the interest they would have got if invested singly and balance of interest realized is credited to Provincial revenues as the charges on account of Official Receivers, establishments and contingencies are met from such funds.

Forests

Number of Gazetted Forest Officers in South Kanara district.

*1480 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Gazetted Forest Officers at present in the South Kanara district as compared with that in 1917–18 and 1922–23; and

(b) the reasons for their increase, if any?

A.—(a) The number of gazetted officers in the three years is as follows:—

1917–18 ...	3
1922–23 ...	4
1929 ...	4

(b) There is an increase only when compared with the year 1917–18. It is due to the posting of a new Assistant Conservator (Mr. J. Banerji) for training in the South Mangalore division.

Jails

Burial of Muslim prisoners by private societies.

*1481 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are paying any amount to any society which has undertaken the burial of Muslim prisoners who die in the prisons in the Presidency;

(b) whether the Government have received any memorial from any Muslim association or public body who have undertaken to do this work;

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(*c*) how the memorials were disposed of; and

(*d*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that in other Presidencies the Government help such associations and public bodies?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The memorialists were informed that the system of handing over dead bodies of Muhammadan prisoners to Muslim Associations or individuals for burial according to their religion was in vogue in this Presidency and that the Government considered that the existing system was satisfactory and sufficient.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I know why Government do not follow the line that is adopted in other provinces?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"As a matter of fact the practice existing in other provinces was observed here also; but as it was found to work unsatisfactorily the present system was adopted, and it has been found to work well. Further the present system was adopted by the hon. the Home Member after discussing it with a deputation that waited on him regarding this matter when this portfolio was with him."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I know why Government think this is a better method?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Because it has been found in actual practice to be better."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"What is the reason for the preference that Government give to this system?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—"Will Government consult the opinion of associations and public bodies with regard to the disposal of dead bodies of Muslim prisoners?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"That is *the* question which I answered just now."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I know the present procedure? Do Government themselves bury the dead bodies; or do they ask others to bury; if it is the latter, to what community do they belong?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"Notice, Sir."

Education

Higher-grade education of girls in Guntur district.

* 1482 *Q.*—Mr. P. ANJANEYULU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what facilities there are in the Guntur district for the higher-grade education of girls;

(*b*) whether Government maintain any institution either for higher education for girls or for training them as teachers; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the negative, whether they intend to start any such schools in the near future?